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Expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the inadequacy of German reparations for Holocaust survivors living in the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. YATES submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the inadequacy of German reparations for Holocaust survivors living in the United States.

Whereas there are more than 125,000 Holocaust survivors living in the United States,

Whereas, after the end of World War II, the Federal Republic of Germany instituted reparations programs for those individuals who miraculously survived the German Nazi cruelty and brutality; and

Whereas such reparations have been woefully inadequate in providing the Holocaust survivors with compensation commensurate with the unimaginable damage and suffering that they sustained;

Whereas, while many Holocaust survivors receive reparations, such payments have been small;

Whereas thousands of other Holocaust survivors living in the United States have been paid no reparations at all;

Whereas Germany seeks to bring about a conclusion to the payment of reparations, even though Holocaust survivors have been paid little or nothing and continue to suffer physically and emotionally;

Whereas Holocaust survivors had no significant role in the original, or in most subsequent, negotiations with Germany regarding reparations;

Whereas Holocaust survivors residing in the United States did not previously apply for, or were refused, reparations are in dire need of medical, material, and other help to alleviate the consequences of their persecution under the German Nazi regime;

Whereas many Holocaust survivors are excluded from reparations under current programs because of the onerous eligibility requirements imposed by the Government of Germany;

Whereas the definition of a concentration camp, and the duration of imprisonment, required for Article 2 Hardship Fund payments should be made more inclusive, as large groups of Holocaust survivors now living in the United States, including Jews from Hungary, are excluded from reparations because their confinement does not satisfy the definitions imposed by Germany;

Whereas the Government of Germany can and should do much more to compensate these victims of the German Nazi horror: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of the Congress that the
3 President of the United States should—

4 (1) convey to the Government of the Federal
5 Republic of Germany the deep concern of the Gov-
6 ernment of the United States regarding the onerous
7 eligibility requirements imposed by Germany on the
8 payment of reparations for Holocaust survivors liv-
9 ing in the United States; and

10 (2) urge the Government of the Federal Repub-
11 lic of Germany to take all actions necessary to en-
12 sure that fair and full reparations will be expedi-
13 tiously paid to all Holocaust survivors living in the
14 United States.

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